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February 7, 1997

Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have enclosed two originals of the document described below, to be recorded pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 11301.

The document is a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, a secondary document, made as of January 14, 1997. The primary document to which this document is connected is recorded under Recordation No. 18408. We request that this document be recorded under Recordation No. 18408-F.

The names and addresses of the parties to the Memorandum of Lease Agreement are as follows:

Lessor:

GATX Third Aircraft Corporation Suite 2200 Four Embarcadero Center San Francisco, CA 94111 FEB 7 3 28 PH '97

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Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation One Wilbraham Street Palmer, MA 01069-0958

A description of the equipment covered by the document consists of 12 Maxi-Stack III five unit articulated double stack container cars numbered CHTT 2004-2013, inclusive and 2015, and WC 36650.

A fee of \$22.00 is enclosed. Please return one original to:

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A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows: a Memorandum of Lease Agreement GATX Third Aircraft Corporation, Suite 2200, Four Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111, and Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation, One Wilbraham Street, Palmer, MA 01069-0958, covering 12 Maxi-Stack III five unit articulated double stack container cars numbered CHTT 2004-2013, inclusive and 2015, and WC 36650.

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Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of

the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on

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Sincerely yours,

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary

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MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Memorandum") is made as of January 14, 1997 and is intended to evidence that certain Lease Agreement dated as of January 14, 1997 (the "Lease") between GATX THIRD AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation ("Lessor"), and MASSACHUSETTS CENTRAL RAILROAD CORPORATION, a Massachusetts corporation ("Lessee"), for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of recordation with the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation under Section 49 of U.S.C. 11301. Lessor has the right to lease the railcars more fully described in Schedule A hereto (the "Units"). Lessee leased from Lessor the Units at the rent and upon the terms and conditions provided in the Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum to be executed by their duly authorized representative as of the day and year first above written.

LESSOR:

LESSEE:

GATX THIRD AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

MASSACHUSETTS CENTRAL RAILROAD CORPORATION

By:

C. VACE PRESIDENT

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SCHEDULE A

To the Memorandum of Lease Agreement dated as of January 14, 1997 between GATX Third Aircraft Corporation and Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation.

THE UNITS

Equipment Description: Twelve railcars.

CHTT 2004 through 2013 and 2015 WC 36650Unit Numbers on January 14, 1997:

| STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS) |
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| COUNTY OF Hampden) ss.: |
| On this Jist day of January, 1997, before me personally appeared with the is a president of Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation, that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation. |
| Onna W Case Notary Public |

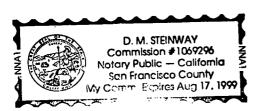
[Notarial Seal]

My Commission expires May 16, 2002.

| State of California | |
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| County of San Francisco | 3 |

On January 31, 1997 before me, D. M. Steinway, Notary Public, personally appeared Thomas C. Nord, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is a Vice President of GATX Third Aircraft Corporation and that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and he acknowledged that the execution of the said instrument was his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Notary Public